(b) if so, what is the number of such units which are proposed to be set up;

(c) the names of those States in which such drug units are proposed to be set up in 1985-86; and

(d) the steps taken for setting up of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Cost of production of LPG

1476. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of production of LPG per MT;

(b) what is the price at which it is being sold to consumers;

(c) what are the reasons and justification for charging such a high price for LPG;

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to reduce the price of LPG; and

(e) if so, what are the details in regard thereto; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) The total cost in handling of LPG from production in refinery, filling in bottling plants, its movement to the market all over the country and then marketing to the consumer is about Rs. 4950.00 per MT against be ex-shortage selling price of Rs. 3028.98 (Domestic-packed).

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Cost of New Rajkot Automatic Telephone Exchange

1477. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans, projects and estimated cost of New Rajkot Automatic Telephone Exchange;

(b) how much amount has been spent on this Exchange till 28th October, 1985;

(c) whether it is a fact that the above Telephone Exchange has not yet reached its targets as per plans, projects and estimates;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) who are the persons responsible for the lapse; and

(f) what action has been taken or likely to be taken against those who are found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) A 10,000 lines new Telephone Exchange was planned at Rajkot. The equipment was obtained from M/s. NEC Japan in two instalments. Total cost for the project is estimated at nearly Rs. 10.5 crores.

(b) Nearly Rs. 6 crores 7 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Following major factors contributed to delay in completion of the above projects:—

(i) Delay in completion of building, electrical installations and air-conditioning.

(ii) Delay in supply of underground cables.

(iii) Court's stay order for construction of cable ducts and laying.

(iv) Court's stay orders on selection/recruitment of cable splicers and consequent staff shortage.

(e) Various fatcors as above are summarily responsible for delay in commissioning.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.